

I believe it is in the best interest of the United States of America to maintain the best and most thoroughly trained cadre of licensed Amateur Radio operators possible. Amateur Radio has a well noted history of providing backup emergency communications. It is self defeating to reduce qualifications, instead of increasing them. While removing the Morse Code testing requirements might temporarily increase the number of Amateur Radio operators, it will certainly lower the quality of operators. This is something the Commission should never allow to happen.

Respectfully submitted.